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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
a housing ~~having a front end, a rear end and at least a pair of walls there between;~~
a handgrip handle rotatably connected to said housing for rotatable motion relative thereto about a pivot axis coincident with a longitudinal axis of the handgrip handle;
~~a spring-actuated grip clamping member connected to attachable to the housing said handgrip handle for pivotation about the pivot axis together with said handgrip handle, said handgrip handle and said clamping member together form a clamping assembly; and~~
a biasing assembly disposed between said clamping assembly and said housing which biases said clamping member in a direction toward said housing and thereby requires operator actuation to affect pivotation of said clamping member about the pivot axis of said handgrip handle in a direction away from said housing, whereby the flashlight is able to be hung from a stationary member, wherein the grip is able to be actuated by one hand of a user of the flashlight.
2. (Currently amended) The flashlight according to claim 1, wherein the housing further ~~comprising~~ comprises a base for standing the flashlight upright thereon, ~~on~~.
3. (Currently amended) The flashlight according to claim 2, wherein the base further ~~comprising~~ comprises at least one or more feet-foot for balancing the flashlight when standing on the ~~its~~ base.
4. (Currently amended) The flashlight according to claim 1, wherein the housing further comprising at least one or more elevations-elevation for protecting ~~the~~ a lens of the flashlight lens from breaking.

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5. (Currently amended) The flashlight according to claim 1, wherein the housing further ~~comprising~~ comprises a compartment for storage defined at least in part by said housing.

6. (Original) The flashlight according to claim 5, wherein the compartment contains ~~any at least~~ one ~~item or more items~~ selected from the group consisting of tools, batteries, an electrical cord able to plug into an electrical outlet for recharging the flashlight, and an electrical cord able to plug into a cigarette lighter of a motor vehicle for recharging the flashlight.

7. (Currently amended) The flashlight according to claim 1 wherein said handgrip handle is ~~further comprising a handle for carrying the flashlight, the handle positioned on the flashlight so that the grip can be actuated~~ actuated by a hand ~~the one hand of the user of the flashlight that is an operator that is holding the handgrip handle, handle when holding the handle.~~

8. (Currently amended) The flashlight according to claim 1 further comprising a switch for turning on and off the flashlight, wherein the switch is accessibly positioned near the handgrip handle on a top end of the flashlight for reach by ~~the one hand of the user an operator~~ of the flashlight that is holding the handgrip handle ~~when holding the handle~~.

9. (Original) The flashlight according to claim 8 wherein the flashlight provides one or more intensities of lighting by operation of the switch.

10. (Currently amended) The flashlight according to claim 1 wherein the grip clamping member is securable to any surface selected from the group consisting of a motor vehicle roof, a motor vehicle hood, a motor vehicle trunk, a seat pocket on a motor vehicle seat, and motor vehicle luggage box.

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11. (Currently amended) A portable lighting device securable to a surface, the device comprising:

a housing having at least one lamp element disposed at a front end of the device;

a handgrip handle adjacent to the housing for carrying the device;

a clamping assembly extending tangentially from said handgrip handle and pivoting relative to a longitudinal axis of said handgrip handle, said clamping assembly configured for securing ~~able to secure~~ the device to the surface; and

a biasing assembly for biasing said clamping assembly in a clamping direction with respect to said housing, an actuator tangent to the clamp for operating the clamp when securing ~~the device to the surface.~~

12. (Original) The lighting device according to claim 11, further comprising one or more elevations disposed about the lamp element for protecting the lamp element from damage.

13. (Original) The lighting device according to claim 11, further comprising a base for standing the device in an upright position when not carried.

14. (Original) The lighting device according to claim 13, further comprising one or more legs for supporting the device in an upright position when not carried.

15. (Original) The lighting device according to claim 11, further comprising a compartment within the housing for carrying a rechargeable element.

16. (Original) The lighting device according to claim 15, wherein the rechargeable element is selected from the group consisting of one or more batteries, an electrical cord able to plug into an electrical outlet for recharging the flashlight, and an electrical cord able to plug into a cigarette lighter of a motor vehicle for recharging the flashlight.

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17. (Original) The lighting device according to claim 11, further comprising a switch for actuating the device, wherein the switch is disposed on the housing so that the switch can be reached by a hand of a user of the device that is carrying the device when carrying the device, and wherein the switch is disposed on the housing so that the switch can be reached when the device is standing in an upright position.

18. (Original) The lighting device according to claim 11, further comprising a charge outlet for recharging the device, and a charge indicator for indicating that the device is being recharged.

19. (Currently amended) A method of securing a portable lamp to an object, the method of securing comprising the steps of:

providing the lamp with a lumination source and a handgrip handle opposite the lumination source;

~~attaching a securing arrangement clamping assembly to the lamp adjacent to the proximate the handgrip handle;~~

~~grasping the lamp by the handgrip handle;~~

~~asserting a force upon said clamping assembly to rotate said clamping assembly relative to a longitudinal axis of said handgrip handle and in a non-clamping direction to extending one or more fingers against a lever thereby raising the securing arrangement from the lamp, creating create a space for receiving an object between said clamping assembly and said housing to secure the lamp onto;~~

~~inserting the object into the created space between the securing arrangement and the lamp; and~~

~~deasserting said force to thereby rotate said clamping assembly relative to said handgrip handle in a clamping direction to close said space and upon said clamping retracting the one or more fingers from the lever, thereby lowering the securing arrangement towards the lamp and securing secure the lamp onto the object.~~

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20. (New) The flashlight of claim 1 wherein said clamping assembly is fixedly connected to said handgrip handle, said handgrip handle is pivotal with respect to said housing and about a longitudinal axis of said handgrip handle, and said biasing assembly is disposed between said handgrip handle and said housing.